

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Frances Dilley is spending a week with friends at Newport.

Miss Daisy Brown, of Albany, is the guest of Miss Mayme Rowland.

Eggs keep better when laid in a cool place. Show this to your hens.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bethers returned Tuesday from their camping trip in Aleska.

William Bogue and wife went to Portland, Tuesday, to visit a few days at the Fair.

Mrs. Ed Buxton, of this city, who is seriously ill in a Portland hospital is reported no better.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gray went to the coast the first of the week to remain for a week or such a matter.

Miss Lizzie Condra and two sons arrived Tuesday from California to spend the winter with the former's brother, Prof. Holmes.

Mrs. Frances Purdy and daughter, Miss Esther, arrived home last week, after a month's visit with the former's daughter in Portland.

T. W. Dilley, the original "Fixer," took the early train Wednesday morning for Portland, where he will spend a week seeing the sights.

The weather of late has been what one would call warm—do we hear any objections? As a matter of fact, if inferno is any hotter we prefer to remain here.

Miss Blanche Hammel is to give a birthday party this afternoon, from three to five, at her home, Hotel Corvallis. Many little friends will enjoy her hospitality.

The examination for teachers began Wednesday morning at nine o'clock. Supt. Denman is assisted in the work by Professors N. Tartar, of this city, and O. V. White, of Philomath.

In the majority of instances where threshing has been done the yield has been disappointing. In many fields the straw would cause one to expect a yield of 30 or more bushels per acre, but only from 10 to 15 bushels were realized.

The members of the Christian church will give an ice cream social at the court house park next Tuesday evening, August 15, from 4 to 10 p. m. We invite all friends to come and eat ice cream and spend a social evening with us.

Hiram F. Meader, a nephew of Mrs. D. C. Rose, spent Sunday with his aunt at Rosedale Farm. Mr. Meader is a fruit grower and a representative of Jackson county at the Lewis and Clark Exposition and stopped over here while enroute to his home at Medford, Oregon.

Mrs. A. J. Hall and Miss M. J. Lee returned to their home in Polk county yesterday after a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hall. The ladies leave Monday for a visit to the fair, and from Portland Miss Lee goes to Albion, Wash., for an extended visit with Dr. and Mrs. J. Frank Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto F. L. Herse and Miss Agnes Mewis, sister of Mrs. Herse, returned home Wednesday evening from their trip to Portland and up the Columbia. They had an enjoyable outing. Today Mr. Herse starts for the Yach's country by way of Newport on a hunting trip.

There was a life-sized runaway on Main street early Thursday morning. A team belonging to Sam King attached to a load of lumber, took a spin down Main street and at Hotel Corvallis took a turn on Water street bringing up near the electric light plant.—So dull are the times, however, that not a single board was jolted off the wagon, to furnish an item of interest for the tired reporter.

J. C. Lowe, of the Independent Telephone Co., went to Portland, Wednesday. Yesterday, his mother, Mrs. M. D. Lowe, who has been the guest of her son in this city six weeks, joined him in Portland. After a visit at the Fair Mrs. Lowe will go east, to her home in El Reno, Okla., and her son will return to his duties in this city. Mrs. Lowe is quite an observant woman and during her visit here made many friends.

Two colored preachers down South were in the same pulpit together. While one was preaching he happened to say, "When Abraham built the ark." The one behind him strove to correct his blunder by saying out loud, "Abraham warn't thar." But the speaker pushed on, heedless of the interruption, and only took occasion shortly to repeat, still more decidedly, "I say, when Abraham built the ark." "And I say," cried out the other, "Abraham warn't thar." The preacher was too hard to be beaten down in this way, and addressing the people, exclaimed with great indignation, "I say Abraham warn't thar, or tharabouts."—Ex.

Mrs. A. J. Metzger returned Tuesday from a week's visit to the fair.

Mrs. E. E. Mondy went to Newport, Tuesday, to remain a few weeks.

Walter Taylor returned home Wednesday from a week's visit to the exposition.

Mrs. Johnson Porter went to Portland, Tuesday, to remain a week or longer.

Miss Maud Hurt is to leave Sunday for a visit with her brother, Frank, in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson and children left, Sunday, for Portland to attend the Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Starr of Monroe are guests of their children in Corvallis this week.

The Elgin residence, on Third street is almost completed and will be ready for occupancy next week.

Mrs. Susan Starr, Benson Starr and Miss Ruby Starr left Wednesday for a visit with Bellefontaine relatives.

Miss Helen Holgate, accompanied by her guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williamson of Youngstown, Ohio, left Wednesday for a visit at Newport.

There is talk among some of Corvallis base ball "has been" of trying the present champions a game. Should these teams play for blood or high stakes we hope to be present.

Roy Raber, who is one in charge of Benton's exhibit at the Fair, came up Wednesday on business connected with our display. He intended to go back to the metropolis yesterday afternoon.

A visitor in Corvallis Wednesday was Andrew P. Wymore, sheriff of Clay county, Missouri. Mr. Wymore resides at Liberty, Mo. While in the city he visited the Benton county officials in their offices.

Word has reached Corvallis to the effect that Eli Spencer and family are figuring on running a hotel in Washington this winter. They have finished their work peeling chittim bark not far from Chelalis.

Mrs. Heber Swann accompanied by her sister, Miss Grace Glassford, arrived home recently after an absence of a month. While away they visited the Fair at Portland; they also visited in The Dalles and Oregon City.

Mrs. Jesse Spencer went to Portland Tuesday. There she met her daughter, Miss Hattie, who has been at Cove, Eastern Oregon, for some time. After an extended visit at the Fair the mother and daughter are to come home together.

Miss Tillman, of Portland, is the guest for the summer vacation of Miss Jones, the nurse. Miss Tillman is also assisting in the tabernacle meetings in Jobs addition, being a contraalto singer whose voice is said to add much to the interest of the meetings.

The county is having a splendid bridge put in across a stream near the Fischer mill. The structure is to have cement abutments and these are already in place. Much of the framing is already done and it is now only a question of a short time when the new bridge will be open for travel.

A party consisting of B. W. Johnson, Alex Rennie, E. E. Wilson and W. D. DeVarney expect to leave tomorrow for Yachats on a fishing and hunting expedition of a week or two. Early next week Mayor A. J. Johnson will join the party. Council meeting is next Monday night and this prevents the mayor from going along tomorrow.

One of the quickest real estate deals ever consummated in this city was that made by Ambler & Watters Tuesday. Mrs. M. L. Weber met Judge Watters on the street in the morning and placed her residence property in his hands to sell. Within an hour the place was sold to Mrs. Anna L. Mills, a late arrival from Nebraska. The consideration was \$1,800.

B. W. Johnson arrived home, Tuesday evening from the Portland where he had been a visitor at the Fair. Mr. Johnson is loud in his praises of the Exposition and declares that it is not only a credit to Oregon, but to any place on earth. He said that he observed that people who have visited all the great Expositions of the country are the most free with their words of appreciation.

The college year is drawing near, and those who intend to keep students will do well to call up or address C. L. Shepard at the college. A list of places is being prepared by the Y. M. C. A. for the Information Bureau, and most of the students consult it in securing rooms and board. Places where students can do work for their board wholly or in part is especially desired, as many of these applications are coming in.

Bad Stubble Fire.

What might have been a most disastrous fire occurred a few miles south of Corvallis late Tuesday afternoon. It appears that a couple of boys, aged about 12 years, are thought to have been smoking in the stubble of Mrs. Ann Smith's wheat field and to have thrown away their cigarettes. Thus is explained the origin of the fire.

The flames spread rapidly and men gathered from every direction to do battle. Some wheat standing in the shock, the property of Mrs. Smith, was destroyed. The fire reached the division fence between the farm of Mrs. Smith and Riley Hurlburt and destroyed considerable of it. At one time the flames were headed directly for Mr. Hurlburt's residence, but by good fortune were checked. A large stack of straw belonging to Mr. Hurlburt was consumed by the flames.

But for the prompt arrival of fire-fighters untold damage might have resulted. As it was, it was a narrow escape and should serve as a warning, not only to boys but to everyone to be very careful about fire, especially at this season of the year.

Great Guns!

Harvey Sargent reports splendid success in selling his gopher guns. For a number of years he has been manufacturing and selling these guns and finds that in going over the same ground formerly canvassed he meets with greater success than in new territory.

These guns do the work. Of this there is no doubt, as is evidenced by the fact that Mr. Sargent shot one of his fingers in perfecting the gopher extinguisher.

A short time ago he started for Southern Oregon on a junketing trip and took with him 175 of the guns. He got no farther than Roseburg when a shortage in his supply compelled his return to this city that he might manufacture more of them. A day or two ago Mr. Sargent started on a trip down the east side of the Willamette with Portland as his destination. He will be absent two or three weeks.

Additional Local.

See Blackledge for furniture, etc. 26

H. Harrison, who recently sold his ranch near summit, expects to start shortly with his family for Ellensburg, Wash. Whether he will decide to locate there permanently will be determined after arrival.

People who have a telephone need only to notify Small's bakery any time they want bread and it will be delivered at once. 62-71

Largest line of matting in county at Blackledge. 30tf

Mrs. Greenburg departed Wednesday for her home in San Francisco, after a visit of some weeks at the M. Jacobs home.

Fercy Clark departed a couple of days ago for Tonopah, Nevada, where he expects to engage in mining as an assayer. Tonopah, as we understand it, is in the Death Valley district.

Reliable man wants work of any kind or furnished ranch to run on shares. Understands the care of all kinds of live stock. Address "Box 47," Corvallis, Oregon. 65*

Mrs. H. C. Barnell and daughters returned Wednesday from a six weeks' visit to the fair.

The Wuestefeldt-Hodes camping party returned from Aleska Thursday, having been absent ten days.

Blackledge, leading wall paper dealer. 30t

Misses Atta Bray and Mae Hurt leave tomorrow for a months outing at Newport.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lilly has been seriously ill the past few days with cholera infantum.

Wanted—To rent a small cottage. Address "Kaerth" in care of Gazette. 64-5*

Mrs. Doc Jackson has gone to Portland for a visit at the exposition.

Mrs. Milton Morgan and Mrs. A. E. Morgan arrived home Wednesday from a week's visit at the bay.

A quantity of good household furniture for sale. Fruit jars and crockery at half price. Inquire at residence. Mrs. M. L. Weber. 65tf

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Day, of

San Francisco, have arrived for a visit with Benton county relatives and friends.

S. H. Moses, of Philomath, the well known merchant, transacted business in Corvallis Wednesday.

Hop pickers wanted between 1st and 5th of September. Call on or address C. E. Ireland, Corvallis, Or. 65tf

Services in the Episcopal church. The Rev. D. E. Holt, of Woodland, California, is conducting services in the church of the Good Samaritan. There will be a service Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, with Holy Communion, and Sunday night at 8 o'clock. Public invited.

Finder will please return to this office Buckskin Glove—gauntlet with black star on it. 66*

Engineer G. N. Miller is expected to arrive today from Athena, Or., and from now on will be at the command of the water committee. The committee held a regular meeting last Monday evening. The minutes of former meetings were read and approved. Aside from this no business of importance was transacted.

The semi-annual or mid-summer teachers examination has been in progress at the court house since Wednesday morning. There are 32 applicants for papers, mostly ladies. For state papers there are but two or three applicants.

The W. O. T. U. ice cream social on the court house lawn Wednesday evening was liberally patronized, considering that the night proved rather cool. The proceeds amounted to \$28 which will be used in fitting up the reading room.

The ice cream social that occurs this Friday evening at the court house square will undoubtedly prove an interesting affair. A good program will be given, free, beginning promptly at eight o'clock. It will include selections by a male quartette, recitations by Miss Olive Malow and Miss Josie Holmes, a vocal solo by Dr. Cathey, an instrumental solo by Miss Libbie Rice, vocal duet by Mrs. W. C. Swann and Mrs. S. B. Bane, and other features of interest. You are invited and the affair is given by the Methodist League.

Revs. Clark and Cole, who are conducting the camp meeting in Corvallis, have been giving very interesting sermons this week on "Bible Prophecies." There is a fair attendance at the meetings and the singing is good.

From one of the crew of the Hofflake thresher, one of the largest outfits hereabouts, comes the information that the machine has quit threshing by the bushel and is now charging \$8 an hour for work. The reason for the change is, that the machine owner was losing money as the grain was too light to make it profitable to thresh by the bushel. The heaviest yield threshed, according to the Gazette informant, went only a little more than ten bushels per acre and from other parts of the county came reports that the grain is much lighter than was at first supposed it would be.

The outlook for money for school purposes is most flattering for the coming year. There is available of the state and county funds about \$14,000; \$4,454 of this sum is state funds. This on apportionment gives each pupil in the county \$4, the state part of it being \$1.70. W. A. Buchanan, clerk of school district No. 9, says that this is the most money per capita ever at his disposal since he became clerk of this district many years ago.

Two Days More.

Ladies have been delighted with the pretty needlework Miss Hamrick is showing at Hotel Corvallis. Friday and Saturday will probably be the last of Miss Hamrick's engagement here. 66*

Get Away Sale.

This is the "Get Away Season" and as usual we are up with the times. We're not going to leave, but our stock of Summer Oxfords are. They've received notice to depart. They leave via the Club Price Route, and the new price should land every pair of them at their destination within ten days. This means hundreds of pairs of this season's best styles of fine Oxfords for men, women and children, at one-fourth to one-third less than usual. Take advantage of it while we have your style and size.

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\$2.85 - FOR OUR REGULAR - \$3.50		\$2.45 - FOR OUR REGULAR - \$3.00
\$1.95 - FOR OUR REGULAR - \$2.50		\$1.60 - FOR OVR REGULAR - \$2.00
\$1.25 - FOR OUR REGULAR - \$1.50		BAREFOOT SANDALS, - 70 CENTS

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